

GRANTEE: Commonwealth Corporation

ADDRESS: The Schrafft Center
529 Main Street, Suite 110
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AMOUNT: \$2,982,000

DURATION: 24 months

POPULATION SERVED: The program will target 1000 incumbent workers who are either nurses with a desire to upgrade their skills, non-nursing incumbents who would like to become nurses, under-employed and unemployed individuals and students at risk of dropping out of their respective programs because of structural barriers. The training will be offered in four broad regions in Massachusetts: southeast, central and western regions, and Boston/metronorth.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The project proposes to bring 1000 individuals into development for the nursing profession – with 400 of these individuals attaining or coming within six months of attaining their license to practice as a nurse. The program will increase the number of nurses available to work in the healthcare industry, increase the enrollment capacity of nurse education programs, decrease the attrition rates of Massachusetts nurse education programs and improve the retention rate of practicing nurses.

KEY PARTICIPANTS: Extended Care Federation, New England Sinai Hospital & Rehab. Center, Chicopee Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., Hallmark Health Visiting Nurse Association, Metrowest Community Health Care Foundation, Jewish Healthcare Center, Inc., Home Health Care Association of MA, Heywood Hospital, MA Extended Care Federation, Lahey Clinic, New England Baptist Hospital, Cape Cod Healthcare, Brockton Visiting Nurse Association, Southcoast Health System, Bay State Medical Center, MetroWest Medical Center, MA Hospital Association Commonwealth Corporation (CommCorp), the Massachusetts Executive Office of Community Colleges, Massachusetts Workforce Board Association, Farley Associates, Wiser Nursing Systems, LLP, Community College and state University systems.

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